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METHOD

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This response is being submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 9, 2004. This response is timely filed within the period of response. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.